

TRACE OF JUDGE WATSON ENDS WITH BEER PARTY AT MIDNIGHT

Self-Interest Absolves Metz
Sisters of Complicity
in Crime.

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years ago, the remaining member of the firm declined to erase his name from the doorplate of the law office, and today the sign reads "Caldwell & Watson," although both of those noted lawyers have pleaded their last cause before an earthly tribunal.

James A. Watson in reality was never a judge, although he carried the honorary title to his grave. A few years ago he was a candidate for county judge on the Republican ticket. He was defeated by a few votes, but the title stuck just as closely as though he had served upon the bench. When Watson was murdered on one thought of saying "Counselman Watson is dead," or "Jim Watson is dead." Everybody stood about the streets that morning and whispered:

"Judge Watson was found dead early today."

West Virginia is not so far removed from the Southern States that titles are things to be quibbled over.

Watson Known
As Stubborn Opponent.

As a practitioner, Judge Watson was a man who won the respect, not unmingled with resentment, of some of his fellow-lawyers. One of the leading members of the West Virginia bar told me that not all the methods of the peculiar judge met with approval. At the same time there was no man he said, more to be trusted than James A. Watson when the latter had given his word.

It was Watson's "dabbling" in the smaller cases, perhaps, that incurred the enmities of those who stood upon the platform of ethics. Judge Watson fought just as stubbornly for a \$5 client as he did for one who offered a retainer of \$500, but his methods of obtaining clients is said to have been different. There are some who say that trait is responsible for his death.

Watson was a man who always carried a large sum of money upon him. It is said. He lingered about the streets at night, in wait for the man who was in trouble. The recalcitrant accused of a misdemeanor or the violator of a city ordinance, need not spend the night in the station house if Judge Watson could be found. The judge was ready always with a cash bail for a consideration. The next day the judge would be on hand to earn his fee and he generally did it.

Wallet Open
To All In Distress.

Hence, it became a matter of town gossip that the man in need of ready cash at any hour of the day or night could locate Watson and rest content that the morning would find him the needy one—a relieved circumstance.

The fame of Watson's black wallet and its magic cash contents spread throughout Parkersburg, and the attorneys who were minus this reputation of the Good Samaritan sat back disdainfully and awaited the fatter fees. Watson reaped in the scores of smaller ones in plenty, and scarcely a day passed that his voice did not thunder through the court-house corridors in justification of some unfortunate who had grasped the proverbial drowning man's straw the night before.

A man of ready cash, in search of the needy borrower, Judge Watson became more and more careless of the display of his wealth. A 5-cent purchase, at times, was all that was required to bring forth the roll of crisp greenbacks. The appearance of Watson upon the street without a hat would have occasioned no more surprise than the night wanderings of Watson without his elastic and well-filled purse.

The night before he was poisoned Judge Watson entered a Greek candy

kitchen. In payment for a small purchase, he tendered a \$5 note, apologizing that he had no smaller change. At the same time he flaunted a bulging wallet in which reposed many bills of larger denomination. At the coroner's inquest it developed that the day before Judge Watson had drawn more than \$2,000 from his bank. When Watson's body was found, the next morning, there was not even carfare in his pockets.

A HOPELESS TANGLE.

THE Metz girls have been released. No evidence was found upon which to hold them. The Metz girls could have no motive for taking Judge Watson's life, for he had been a "kind man," and Lulu Metz admitted to the investigators that the judge had promised to take her with him upon a trip to California soon. The judge, it appears, had been a most beneficent "landlord." In addition, Lulu Metz had a bank account, and so long as the judge lived the balance was never in red. Verily, it might have been a case of killing "the goose that laid the golden egg."

Conflicting tales are heard upon the streets of Parkersburg as to the imputed habits of Judge Watson. There are those who say that the attorney was a buttermilk advocate at the sessions of the city council, and a secret imbiber when the blinds were drawn elsewhere. There are others who strike their word upon the belief that Judge Watson never took an intoxicating drink, and that his protest against the liquor evil was born of a sincere antipathy.

"Double Life"

Revealed By Inquiry.

However, the intoxicants flowed at the last midnight revel of the judge and his women friends, and Watson paid for them. Furthermore, the knowing ones who are wont to gather at the sign of the brass rail and the bar towel told me that the judge's refreshments were not always of the buttermilk brand, although no one ever recalled seeing him under the influence of liquor.

At best, the dispute as to "Judge"

Black Wallet Known to Be
Well-Filled for the
Needy.

Watson's temperance is rather commonplace story, indicative of the fact that sooner or later one's sins will find him out. The moral applies as well to the dead judge as to his living murderer.

That Watson lived the "double life," at least for a time, even his staunchest defenders cannot deny. It merely required the light of official investigation to confirm what had been hinted for months.

That every sympathy is due the wife and the son, who seek to learn the murderer's identity, is also admitted.

That the benefit of the doubt has been justly extended to the Metz girls and to another suspect, an associate of Judge Watson, will also be admitted.

Questions

Remaining Unanswered.

And yet, today, the people of Parkersburg, of West Virginia, and those who have followed the mysterious case throughout, will want to know:

How was strychnine administered to Judge Watson and how was his body taken home?

Why did the murderer leave that body in such precise condition upon the porch that it excited suspicion? The first clue to foul play was the fact that Watson's body lay as perfect as though it had been arranged for burial. Not a wrinkle disturbed his long black coat.

How could a man who never drank anything stronger than buttermilk be persuaded to take strychnine at an hour past midnight?

Why was it that no one saw Watson after he left the Metz home the night preceding the tragedy?

What became of the \$2,000 that he carried on his person the night of the tragedy?

These, and other things, prosecuting Attorney Harry Hiteshew and the authorities of West county, W. Va., would like to know. The solution is worthy the attention of any detective today.

POLICE AID HEIRESS
TO CAST OFF TITLES

Affiliated Husband of French
Girl Procures Arrest of
Three Emissaries.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 7.—Three men, said to be representatives of the French government, intent upon forcibly taking back to France a young woman, who is said to be heiress to titles in the Napoleonic line, are today under arrest here.

The arrests were made on complaint of A. R. Yarling, of this city, who declares that the girl, whose identity he refuses to make public, has been annoyed by the three men.

According to the story told by Yarling, the girl is descended from one of the proudest houses of France, and yet desires to renounce her claim to title and land and become his wife.

The French government, on the other hand, he contends, is bent on the return of the girl's family in France, wishes her to have an unbroken line between two of the oldest houses of France, because of the impossibility of creating a new line, under the republic.

Mr. Yarling, who is a well known merchant, says the girl is his affianced wife, and that the men who were sent to forcibly take her back to France are her former playmates.

PASTOR TELLS NEED
OF SOUL EVOLUTION

Stoppage in Man, Nation, or
District Means Decay,
Says Chaplain.

In remarks that he applied to the life of the nation in general, and to that of the District in particular, the Rev. Henry N. Couden, chaplain of the House, today delivered a powerful sermon at the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church South, on the eternal need of religion.

After defining religion as "the life of God in the soul," Mr. Couden went on to show that as such it must always remain eternal and the greatest need of man.

"Theology," said Mr. Couden, "changes because man is a progressive being. His mind expands and thus he is able to grasp the ideas of God more fully. This may change his thoughts of God, but the necessity of religion to the soul is always the same. He must have it to make him morally keep pace with the changes that are going on in him and his circumstances."

The law of evolution is imperative to the soul as well as to the body, and the lack of growth in either case would mean decadence and a reversion to lower types. And this is not only true of the individual soul, but also of our national soul and the life of our own District.

Mr. Couden took the Lord's Prayer as his text, because, he said, in a simple and beautiful way it illustrates the spirit of the Christian religion.

DISTRICT MILITIA TEAMS SELECTED

The District National Guard will be represented by four teams at the New Jersey State rifle meet to be held September 1, at Sea Girt, N. J.

Under the direction of Capt. Thomas S. King, a final try-out was held yesterday, sixteen teams of the District militia participating; the men of the Second Infantry making the best showing. The meet will be attended by more than 1,000 men; the State of New Jersey having invited teams from all parts of the country to participate.

SUFFRAGISTS BEGIN BALLOON CAMPAIGN

Women Scatter "Fliers" From Sky and Make Speeches, Near Earth.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Aug. 7.—A suffrage campaign in a balloon was started today in this city when Miss Gardner, Miss Benheld, and Miss Ward, from England, and Miss Foley and Miss Pierson, of this city, ascended and scattered "votes for women" fliers from dizzy heights and made addresses from the balloon when it was brought down near the earth.

WEDDING AT DOVER RECALLS ELOPEMENT

DOVER, Del., Aug. 7.—Mrs. William H. Fisher, who gained much notoriety about two years ago by deserting her husband and three children and eloping with William P. Rayner, son of United States Senator Isador Rayner, and who was later divorced from her husband, is today the wife of Daniel M. Ridgely, agent for the Adams Express Company in this city.

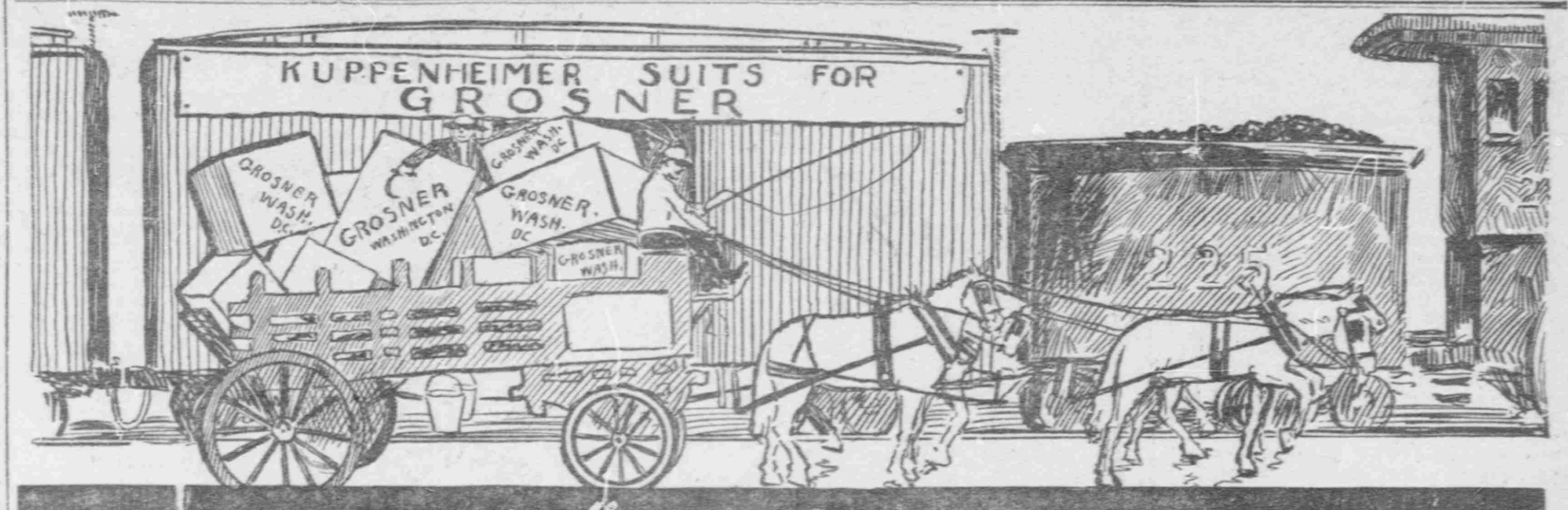
The ceremony, which was performed last night by the Rev. Dr. A. W. Lightbourne, took place in the presence of a few friends of the groom and the seven-year-old son of the bride.

SHIP REACHES PORT SAVING WINE DUTY

Uncle Sam Loses by Arrival Just Before New Law Operates.

BOSTON, Aug. 7.—Uncle Sam lost a lot of money just before midnight when the freighter Anglian arrived from London.

The steamer, which had 1,500 cases of wine and liquors aboard, got here just in time to be entered before the new tariff goes into effect today, increasing materially the duties on all wines and spirits from Spain, Italy, the Netherlands and Portugal.



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